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Dear Mr. Berry:

The unnamed authors of the draft report, "From Mauka to Makai: The River of Justice Must Flow Freely," offer five recommendations to further the reconciliation process between the Federal government and native Hawaiians. However, nowhere in the report is there any mechanism or process for involving other federal stakeholders in reconciliation, particularly the Department of Defense, a major land holder in the Hawaiian Islands. While the Department of Interior may have been delegated the lead role, how will the armed services become involved? Without the Department of Defense, reconciliation will fail because rectifying the current abridged rights of native Hawaiians will collide with national security and the national military strategy. Congress will then have to decide between increased individual rights and the ability of the U.S. to project military power in the Pacific.

I suggest that the Department of Interior create a government-wide task force that actively seeks input from all federal stakeholders. For the Department of Defense, I recommend that the Under Secretary of

Defense,  
Environmental Security, Sherri Wassermann-Goodman, be the  
Department of  
Defense's representative to such a task force. The Under  
Secretary and her  
staff are already involved in consulting with native peoples  
over  
environmental issues including those of environmental justice.

Sincerely yours,

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